

Making Security Awareness an Executive Priority Committee

November 19th, 2007 Meeting Highlights

Attending: Chris Doucette (for John Karabaic), Joe Hubbell, Judy Napier, Beth Nelson, Shirley Payne, Peggy Ward

Meeting Highlights and Action Items

Deputy Secretary Meetings – These have proven to be very helpful in raising awareness of security issues. The deputies are in communication with agency heads within their secretariats concerning the status of agency security programs. It was clear from these meetings that for small agencies the lack of resources is a serious impediment to developing strong security programs.

Governor's Performance Scorecard – Judy is continuing to work on the idea of adding a security awareness measure. Our committee should suggest specific wording.

- Action Item:
 - Shirley will write a first draft.

Effective Practices – Efforts so far to collect effective practices for building executive level security awareness have not been successful. Providing an online form on our website for submitting practices might help. Additionally, Judy suggested we identify one agency (or more) within each secretariat that is known for its good security awareness practices and highlight it for the relevant deputy secretary. This would provide well-deserved recognition for that agency and might encourage other agencies within the secretariat to reach out to that agency for ideas. We also discussed the need for an easy means for ISOs to discuss issues and share solutions. Peggy noted that the state government ISAC communication site could be used for this purpose.

- Action Items:
 - Shirley will draft an online form template for submitting effective practices.
 - Shirley will follow up with Peggy on a way to identify model security awareness programs within each secretariat.
 - Peggy will arrange for us to use the ISAC site.

Other Resources – We should also focus on finding executive security awareness white papers, presentations, and other materials to include on the committee website.

➤ Action Items:

- Joe will talk with an Infraguard contact to see if that group has helpful executive security awareness materials.
- All committee members will research other sources of materials before our December meeting.

Incorporating Awareness Into Existing Executive-level Events – VCU has just appointed a new director for the Virginia Executive Institute and the Commonwealth Management Institute. This is a good opportunity to encourage expansion of the curriculum to include IT security. We brainstormed other possible events where this topic could be emphasized, but did not identify additional possibilities during our meeting. We'll continue giving this issue consideration.

➤ Action Item:

- Shirley will make contact with the new VCU director.